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MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002 AT 2:00 PM
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL

STEPHEN P. CLARK CENTER
111 NW FIRST STREET
MIAMI, FLORIDA 33128
18th FLOOR, ROOM 2 (18-2)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2002

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- B. FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY COMPLIANCE**
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- C. FY 2003 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)**
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- E. VPSI VANPOOL SERVICE AGREEMENT**
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND VPSI, INC TO ADMINISTER THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL PROGRAM (*MPO SECRETARIAT*)

V. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- A. MPO TRANSPORTATION DATABASE PROJECT**
- B. 2002 STATE LEGISLATION SUMMARY**

***PLEASE SUBMIT AGENDA ITEMS TO THE MPO SECRETARIAT BEFORE MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2002. ALL ITEMS THAT FAIL TO MEET THIS DEADLINE WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MONTH AGENDA.**

**TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COUNCIL
(TPC)
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
FOR THE MIAMI URBANIZED AREA**

**MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002
2:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 18-2**

SUMMARY MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Jose-Luis Mesa, TPC Chairperson. The following members were present:

1. Jose-Luis Mesa, MPO Secretariat, TPC Chairperson
2. Alex David, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS)
3. Bruce Offord, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
4. Clark P. Turner, City of Miami
5. Lee Rawlinson, Department of Planning & Zoning (DPZ)
6. Irma San Roman, MPO Secretariat (Non-Voting)
7. Jorge Hernandez, City of Hialeah
8. Carl Fielland, Miami-Dade County Seaport
9. Douglas Yoder, Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
10. Aurelio Rodriguez, Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDTA)
11. Joseph W. Johnson III, City of Miami Beach
12. Michael Williams, Tri-Rail
13. Gary Donn, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)
14. Gus Pego, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

The sign-in sheets listing staff and other visitors present at the meeting are available on file at the MPO Secretariat. A recorded tape of the meeting is also available at the MPO Secretariat Office.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Mesa asked if there were any additions, deletions or modifications to the agenda. Ms. San Roman stated that item V.C 2002 MPO Newsletter Report will be added as information only. Mr. Mesa informed the Board that the Project Manager for item IV.G (Interlocal Agreement for the 79th Street Project) respectfully request that the Council defer this item until next TPC meeting.

Mr. Hernandez moved for approval of the agenda as amended. Mr. Yoder seconded the motion. The agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Donn moved for approval of the minutes of the March 11, 2002 and the April 8, 2002 meeting. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

III. CTAC UPDATE

Mr. Mike Hatcher, CTAC, informed the Council that CTAC re-elected Mr. Frank Hernandez as chairman of CTAC. He also informed the Council that CTAC has actively participated in the Mayor's Transportation Summit. He further stated that CTAC has scheduled a tour of Krome Avenue for its members. He concluded by stating that CTAC has developed a resolution regarding a dedicated source of funding.

IV. ACTION ITEM

A. YEAR 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE YEAR 2025 LRTP TO ADVANCE THE I-95 HOV/HOT PROJECT FROM PRIORITY 3 AND 4 TO A PRIORITY 1 (CTAC SPONSORED ITEM)

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that this item would not appear on the MPO Board May 23, 2002 agenda. He further stated that the MPO Prospectus requires for all public hearings to be advertised at least thirty days in advance. He concluded by stating that this item may appear in the July agenda for the MPO.

Mr. Donn introduced Mr. Robert Poole, Reason Public Policy Institute, who gave a brief presentation of the I-95 HOV/HOT Lane Study that he conducted. Mr. Poole informed the Council that the Study made preliminary assessments of the alternatives suggested by Kimley-Horn Associates (KHA) in its I-95 Multimodal Transportation Corridor Study. He further stated that his assessment focused specifically on HOT lanes and a movable zipper barrier. He also stated that the moveable zipper barrier would permit the development of a mostly three-lane reversible facility in the median of I-95, offering greater capacity and increased flexibility. He continued to inform the Council that the simplified design could reduce the total cost to an estimated \$250 million. He further informed the Council that data obtained from other cities with HOT lanes resulted in a preliminary assessment of baseline annual revenue as \$18 million. He also stated that a revenue stream of that magnitude would support the issuance of toll revenue bonds of approximately \$200 million,

which covers 80 percent of the estimated project costs. He continued to list other sources of funding that were identified as possible candidates to cover the remaining balance of the project costs. He stated that the Transportation Infrastructure Finance Innovation Act (TIFIA) provides long-term loans for large transportation infrastructure projects that have user-fee revenues and private-sector participation from which he further stated that the I-95 HOT lanes project would be perfect for. He concluded by stating that the study recommended that the MPO and FDOT shift the I-95 HOV/HOT project from priority 4 to priority 1 in the Long Range Transportation Plan.

Mr. Mesa asked if the design of the HOT/HOV lane would be barrier free. Mr. Poole responded that it would. Mr. Donn further clarified that a transponder would be used. He further stated that a traditional tolling system would not be used.

Mr. Mesa asked if the Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) had any projects similar to the I-95 HOV/HOT lane study. Mr. Jesus Sanchez, MDX, stated that MDX in conjunction with Turnpike currently listed projects in their TIP plan that uses a similar concept.

Mr. Rawlinson requested clarity on whether the proposed project would be placed as unfunded under Priority 1 section. Mr. Mesa responded that the project would be placed as unfunded.

Mr. Craig Miller briefly informed the Council of the available federal funding sources. He further stated that it was to the advantage of the Board to include this project in the current TIP in order to be considered eligible for these funds.

Mr. Hernandez requested clarity on whether the current emergency lanes on I-95 would be affected by this project. Mr. Poole stated that the medians would still exist. He further explained that having the HOT/HOV lane would allow continuous movement and increase the access for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Hernandez requested clarity on the history of this item in regards to the TPC previously not supporting this project. Mr. Mesa responded that the TPC did not vote in favor of this project based on an early presentation conducted by Kimbley-Horn that stated a much higher cost for this project. Mr. Donn added that the current presentation is the basis of the Master Plan that Kimbley-Horn conducted for FDOT. He further stated that the study projected a higher estimated cost of \$600 million compared to Mr. Poole's \$250 million. He concluded by stating that FDOT considered other ways to finance the project as a result of CTAC passing a

resolution requesting FDOT to look at creative funding sources to finance the I-95 HOV/HOT project.

Mr. Yoder inquired about the enforcement techniques for this type of project. Mr. Poole stated that the on site police cars and video cameras are samples of the enforcements used in other areas with this type of system.

Mr. Hatcher presented to the Council CTAC's resolution on the proposed project. He further stated that CTAC had not received any formal presentation from anyone concerning this project. He also stated that CTAC remains supportive of their resolution.

Mr. Johnson inquired about the timeline for completion of this project. Mr. Donn responded that if everything fell into place then the project could start in two years and be completed within four years after the start date.

Mr. Rawlinson moved the approval of the resolution with the inclusion of a clause that states" the proposed Project would never be considered for any FIHS funds without the return to the Council for revised actions" and to include the word "only" in Section 2 of the proposed resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The resolution as amended passed with one dissent.

B. FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY COMPLIANCE
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE FY 2003-2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1990 (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mr. Mesa introduced Carlos Roa, MPO Project Manager, who thanked the Council for their efforts in submitting the projects for the TIP in a timely manner.

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that the Department of Public Works would like the Council to provide them with direction on whether to include bicycle lanes in the redesign of Grand Avenue.

Mr. Jeff Cohen, Public Works Department (PWD), informed the Council that the PWD is required by a TPC policy to consider a bicycle facility on any project. He concluded by presenting the Council with PWD's two alternative designs for the redesign of Grand Avenue.

Mr. David Henderson, MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Manager, presented to the Council a brief power point presentation about various types of bicycle facilities. He further explained that the Grand Avenue would offer easier access to the shops, restaurants, and residents for cyclist. He also stated that moving the bicycle facility route to a different location would be a disservice to the cyclist community. He concluded by submitting to the Council the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee resolution 9-2001 and 10-2001.

Mr. Mario Garcia, Chairman of the Transportation Planning Technical Advisory Committee (TPTAC), stated that the TPTAC committee did not see any technical difficulties that would hinder the PWD from providing a bicycle facility on Grand Avenue.

Mrs. Yvonne McDonald, Director of Coconut Grove Local Development Corporation, stated that the community of Coconut Grove believes that Grand Avenue needed wider sidewalks to help with the revitalization of the community. She further stated that the community was not against cyclist but believed that a bicycle facility was better on a different street than Grand Avenue. She concluded by asking the Council to request the consultant firm who worked with the community in the past on the redesign of Coconut Grove provide the community with a follow-up.

Mr. Turner stated that a five feet sidewalk was not adequate space, especially in an area that encouraged pedestrian shopping. He further stated that a ten feet sidewalk should be the minimum width considered for the Grand Avenue area. Mr. Turner moved to defer the Grand Avenue item until the next TPC meeting and to request that the consultants and neighborhood agencies come to the next TPC meeting to present their views and concerns. Mr. Rawlinson seconded the motion for discussion. The floor was opened for discussion.

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that a deferment of this item would mean that the Council would not be able to offer the Board a recommendation at the May 23, 2002 Board meeting. He also stated that the project funds would still be listed in the TIP but the PWD will not have clear direction to continue with the design of Grand Avenue. He concluded by stating this would delay the project some more.

Mr. Rawlinson requested clarity on whether the PWD investigated any alternative route for the bicycle facility. Mr. Henderson stated that no other area has been studied at the same length of detail as the Grand Avenue. Mr. Cohen stated that in researching the area, there were no roadways other than Grand Avenue that ran parallel the entire 0.5 mile. He further clarified that the cyclist would not have a straight route on other roadways.

Mr. Johnson requested that the BPAC submit a new resolution at the next Council meeting that have majority of the members present to vote.

After much discussion, the motion was put to a vote and passed with 9 in favor, 2 dissent, and 2 abstentions.

Mr. Johnson moved for the approval of the resolution and Mr. David seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

C. FY 2003 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP)
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE FY 2003 FINAL DRAFT UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mr. Donn stated that the FDOT might have to come back to the Council with clarification on items listed in the UPWP.

Mr. Pego moved for the approval of the resolution and the motion was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The resolution was approved unanimously.

D. JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA)
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF A JOINT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (JPA) BETWEEN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AND FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (FDOT) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE SOUTH FLORIDA VANPOOL MARKETING EFFORTS AND CAPITAL LEASING PROGRAM (FDOT)

Mr. Offord moved for the approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Yoder. The resolution passed unanimously.

E. TIP AMENDMENT
RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2002 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM TO INCLUDE BOTH THE OVERTOWN AESTHETIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE OVERTOWN SIGNAGE PROGRAM PROJECTS (FDOT)

Mr. Donn stated that this item was a roll forward item. He concluded by moving the approval of the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. David and passed unanimously.

F. FY 2002 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) THIRD QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FY 2002 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK (UPWP) PROGRAM THIRD PROGRESS REPORT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE FUNDING AGENCIES (MPO SECRETARIAT)

Mr. Johnson moved for approval of the resolution and Mr. Fielland seconded the motion. The resolution passed unanimously.

G. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND EMPOWERMENT TRUST TO CONDUCT THE 79TH STREET NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE PROJECT (MPO SECRETARIAT)

*The Council, at the request of the Project Manager, agreed to **defer** this item until next month meeting.*

V. INFORMATION ITEM

A. BAY LINK STUDY: STATUS REPORT

Mr. Wilson Fernandez, MPO Project Manager, introduced Mr. Larry Foutz of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc. who provided the Council with a brief presentation.

Mr. Foust informed the Council that the purpose of the presentation was to provide additional information to the Council that would help them make an informed recommendation to the Board on which Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to be studied further in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Bay Link Project. Mr. Foust further presented the Council with a brief power point presentation of the Decision Document. *(A copy of this document is available at the MPO Secretariat).*

B. 2002 STATE LEGISLATION SUMMARY

Mrs. Susan Schrieber, MPO Project Manager, informed the Council that this item was a summary of the transportation-related legislation passed during the 2002 State Legislative Session, which was provided for the Council's information.

C. 2002 MPO NEWSLETTER REPORT

Mr. Mesa informed the Council that this item was for their review and that the Final Draft is scheduled for the Sunday, Herald Edition May 26, 2002.

V. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.